

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Tekleab H. Habtu,	
t/a Kokeb Ethiopian Restaurant	Show Cause
3013 Georgia Avenue N.W.	Hearing
Retailer CR	(Status)
License No. 89933	
ANC 1A	
Case No. 14-AUD-00105	

June 3, 2015

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room,  
Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street N.W.,  
Washington, D.C., Chairperson Ruthanne Miller  
presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson  
DONALD BROOKS, Member  
MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN, Member  
HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Louise Phillips, OAG

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 1:40 p.m.

3 CHAIR MILLER: Okay. We're back on  
4 the record for our afternoon hearings. And the  
5 first case is Case No. 14-AUD-00105. Kokeb  
6 Ethiopian Restaurant located 3013 Georgia Avenue  
7 N.W., License No. 89933, and ANC 1A.

8 Good afternoon, you can have a seat.  
9 Have a seat, sir. Because the microphone is  
10 actually on the table.

11 When you have a chance would you sign  
12 in on the piece of paper?

13 MALE PARTICIPANT: Sure.

14 CHAIR MILLER: Thank you. And then,  
15 introduce yourselves.

16 MS. PHILLIPS: Louise Phillips,  
17 Assistant Attorney General for the District of  
18 Columbia. Good afternoon, Board Members.

19 CHAIR MILLER: Good afternoon. And  
20 sir, you are?

21 MR. HABTU: My name is Tekleab Habtu  
22 and owner of Kokeb.

1 CHAIR MILLER: Okay. All right. So  
2 this is a Show Cause Hearing. But I first want  
3 to ask you if you have any preliminary issues?

4 MS. PHILLIPS: Yes, indeed we do,  
5 Madam Chair. The parties have an Offer in  
6 Compromise to present to the Board. It is a fine  
7 consisting of \$1,100 and 90 days to pay.

8 CHAIR MILLER: Okay. I have two  
9 questions. Are there two charges to this case?

10 MS. PHILLIPS: Let me see.

11 (Off the record comments)

12 MS. PHILLIPS: Yes.

13 (Off the record comments)

14 CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Does it break  
15 down, or can you give me a break down between the  
16 two charges?

17 MS. PHILLIPS: I don't actually have  
18 a break down of the two charges.

19 CHAIR MILLER: Okay.

20 MS. PHILLIPS: Just a second.

21 CHAIR MILLER: All right.

22 MS. PHILLIPS: Ah, I'm sorry. There's

1 a mandatory warning for Charge 1.

2 CHAIR MILLER: Oh, okay. Mandatory,  
3 all right.

4 (Off the record comments)

5 MS. PHILLIPS: We have so many  
6 iterations sometimes, the second, or the whole  
7 iteration doesn't get done in the second, third,  
8 or fourth, or fifth email. And then \$1,100 fine  
9 for Charge 2.

10 CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Is it -- wait,  
11 let me just look at -- just looking at the  
12 penalty chart.

13 (Off the record comments)

14 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, all right, got  
15 it. Okay, and could I ask you if that's fine if  
16 not paid within 90 days, would there be a  
17 consequence?

18 MS. PHILLIPS: Yes, there is a  
19 consequence Madam Chair. Then the license would  
20 have to be surrendered.

21 CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Thank you.

22 MS. PHILLIPS: However you want it

1 worded for the --

2 CHAIR MILLER: Suspended?

3 MS. PHILLIPS: Suspended.

4 CHAIR MILLER: Okay, all right, sir.

5 Let me ask you if you agree to the Offer in  
6 Compromise as presented by Ms. Phillips which  
7 would be a, the first count would is a mandatory  
8 warning. And the second count is a \$1,100 to be  
9 paid within 90 days. If not paid within 90 days,  
10 the license would be suspended until the fine is  
11 paid.

12 MR. HABTU: I understand.

13 CHAIR MILLER: And do you understand  
14 that you waive your right to a hearing and your  
15 right to appeal by accepting this Offer in  
16 Compromise?

17 MR. HABTU: Yes.

18 CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Ms. Phillips, I  
19 just want to just double check for accuracy on  
20 what the OIC is. Are you asking us to treat  
21 Charge 1, that it be a mandatory warning? Or did  
22 you?

1 MS. PHILLIPS: That's exactly what I'm  
2 asking for.

3 CHAIR MILLER: Thank you. All right.  
4 Are there other questions by Board Members?

5 (No audible response)

6 CHAIR MILLER: All right, then I move  
7 that we approve this Offer in Compromise. Charge  
8 1, mandatory warning. Charge 2, a fine of \$1,100  
9 to be paid within 90 days. And if it's not paid  
10 within 90 days the license will be suspended  
11 until the penalty is paid.

12 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

13 CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Mr Rodriguez  
14 seconded the motion. All those in favor say,  
15 aye.

16 (Multiple ayes)

17 CHAIR MILLER: All those opposed?

18 (No audible response)

19 CHAIR MILLER: All those abstaining?

20 (No audible response)

21 CHAIR MILLER: Motion passes 3-0-0.

22 Thank you. And we'll have something

1       for you in one minute.

2                   (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
3       went off the record at 1:47 p.m.)

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